

Welcome to St. Francis Church

Please see the enclosed sheet to donate for our celebratory Christmas decorations and music.
Your generous music donations also help to maintain our regular year-round program.

Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES. THANK YOU.

8:00 A.M. - THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Jason Shelby

Deacon: The Rev. Celeste Stump

Prelude: "Winchester New"arr. David Knight

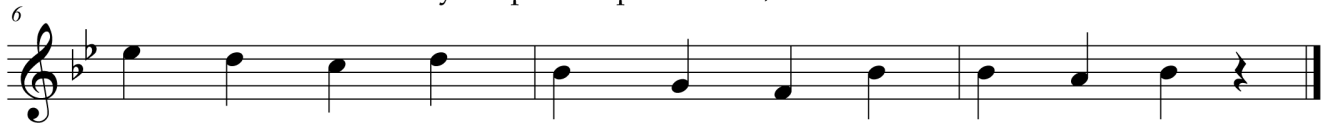
Processional Hymn – On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's CryHymn #76, vv. 1-5



On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and hear - en,
straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt.
Music: "Winchester New," melody from "Musicalisches Hand-Buch," 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), atl.

The Opening Acclamation.....Book of Common Prayer, p. 323
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The First Lesson Isaiah 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Response: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 p. 708

The Epistle..... 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Holy Gospel Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

The Sermon..... The Rev. Jason Shelby

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Welcome and Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sor-

rowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgivingp. 333

The clergy will carry the Sacrament to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward for Holy Communion. Please inform one of the ushers if you would like to be served at your seat.

Gluten-free Communion wafers are now carried alongside regular wafers at Holy Communion.

If you require one of these, simply ask at the Altar rail.

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Recessional Hymn – Comfort, Comfort Ye My People.....Hymn#67, vv.1-3

Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple,
Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth ed,
Make ye straight what long was crook - ed,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
in the des - ert far and near,
make the rough - er pla - ces plain;
com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
let your hearts be true and hum - ble,
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
since the king - dom now is here.
as be - fits his ho - ly reign.
Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a - way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;
tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and all flesh shall see the to - ken
and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

Postlude: "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"Blake/Prichard

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Ana, Andrea, Christa, Jean Dicus, Daniel Dreiling, Pauline Duley, Elvis, Ceri Falk, Colette Furbush, Chris Goldsmith, Sally Hill, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Patt Parker, Bruce Schaefer, Roxanne Wall, and for the people of the middle east, and victims of violence everywhere.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

What's Happening!

Harbor Interfaith Services Christmas Dinner Donations — Dec 17th, to Church Office

Help make the holidays bright for the over 350 families served by HIS by donating food or toys to their Christmas Drive. Bring holiday foods, gift cards, toys for kids 1 month—18 years old to the church office by Dec 17th.

Christmas Eve Services & Children's Pageant — Dec 24th

Join us at the 4pm Children's Pageant & Service, and 9pm traditional Christmas Eve service.

Christmas Eve Concert — Dec 24th, 8pm

Come listen to the St. Francis Choir perform inspiring Christmas music & sing along to Christmas carols! For more info contact Mark Bennett, mark.bennett@stfrancispalosverdes.org

Christmas Day — Dec 25th, 9am

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us on this holy day!

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